

# Faith Community

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## Newsletter

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## Pastor's Notes



by Pastor Dan Hansen

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel..."*

**Philippians 1:3 & 4**



**1) On our ministry...** Doesn't our new landscaping look great? Wow, what a transformation! It's amazing what a little sod and a few trees & bushes will do. As it turns out, we went a little over budget with this project as prices went up (you're shocked, right!) since we first sketched out the plan, and as we replaced some trees and shrubs lost with dry weather. Can you help? The range is wide; from \$14 perennials to \$440 Maples. I love the quote; *"The church proclaims the love of Christ not only with words and deeds, but with every flower and blade of grass that we love and care for in Jesus' name."*

Similarly, God has called us to be *"transformed"* as Disciples of Christ. I know that churches sometimes invest a lot of time and effort creating fancy mission statements that often create more yawns than excitement, but I personally believe that all churches have the same mission: to *"make disciples of all nations."* As much as we want to be good stewards of the beautiful building and property that God has entrusted to us, even more we want to good stewards of the treasure of disciples the Holy Spirit has called and gathered here. Beautiful buildings come and go, so we pray that we might stay focused on making disciples.

While all churches have the same mission; what differs are the gifts given to do ministry. Our Steve & Tom are off to college and in the process of identifying their gifts and passions. Similarly as a church, I believe that we've accurately identified our core values and that most visitors can spot them readily: "To be a church that is; 1) Bible-centered, 2) prayer-centered, 3) worship-centered with an inspirational blend, 4) Kid-friendly, 5) Visitor-friendly, 6) A model of the Priesthood of believers, 7) A model of first-fruits giving." That's us, don't you think?

**2) On our fall budgeting process & staff needs...**Our church budget is probably somewhat similar to your family budget—we can't always get everything we want! Nevertheless, we do want to staff for the growth God has blessed us with. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, several of you have asked, "When are we going to get another pastor?" Some day, no doubt—but, perhaps first we might want to explore the possibility of a lay minister ("Pastoral Associate?") that might have some theological training, plus some of the managerial business skills that we need. As you can imagine, increasingly I find myself managing staff and addressing building policies and concerns and schedules—and falling behind on pastoral care and visitation of potential members and preparation for preaching. As you know, good staff usually ends up paying for itself. In that regard, please give our staff a pat on the back—we have been SO blessed! Once again we pray that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide us that we might be faithful to God's plan and purpose for our church.

Speaking of staff needs, a special thank you to retired pastors Todd & Tyger Penson who have generously offered to volunteer in the areas of new member assimilation and ministry to "absent" members—both challenging areas for most churches. I believe that there is a direct connection between pastoral care and worship attendance, and through the years whenever I've noticed a "plateau" in attendance, almost always that has meant that our "telecare" ministry has been lacking. As much as I sometimes worry about "bugging" people with multiple phone messages; many times I've been thanked that the church "calls & cares." Quite frankly, not a lot of people are comfortable with "telecare" ministry, so I really believe Todd & Tyger are an answer to prayer in that regard!

**3) On our Fall Stewardship Campaign...**Once again, we have the opportunity to make a faithful response to a God who has given us everything we have with our "Estimate of Giving" cards. We've been blessed with a number of "tithers" in our church—people who give at least 10% of their income to various charitable causes. If you're not there yet, one simple way to grow in your giving is by increasing it 1% (of your total annual income) each year. I invite you to have a plan for growing in your giving because over and over, I've observed that churches and individuals who simply give the "leftovers" of the income...usually don't have much "left over." We hope we're setting a good example as a congregation by "giving away" the first 20% of our offerings (hopefully 21% for 2007!!!) to various outreach ministries, and certainly we have found that in putting "others" first, God has been more than generous in providing for our needs as a congregation.

The really good news is that we have a lot of youth and families counting on our faith response. What each one of us does will make a difference here and beyond our walls. Again, the first 20% of Faith Community's income goes to ministry beyond our walls and we hope to continue growing that percentage each year. May it be said of us that we saw the need of our young people and neighbors, opened our hearts to them and showed our love to others in our action of giving with great generosity.

Please take time to pray about your faith response. Acknowledging God as the owner of all that you have been given, I invite you to come, share your gifts and make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

Your partner in ministry,  
**Pastor Dan**





by Pastor Bruce Welander

On this page today, let me share three aspects of the life of our church that are particularly attracting my attention and enthusiasm in these wonderful days of autumn.

First, I want to thank the many people who have shown interest in my Sunday School class on the history of the Christian Church as the work of the Holy Spirit. I first wrote this course on a sabbatical in 1990, but I have revised it to some extent every time I have taught it, partly because I keep seeing more and more contemporary relevance to the study of Christian history. Much of what is happening today can be clarified and optimized by knowing something of what God has taught his Church in the past, as it dealt with similar situations.

The interest that so many people in our congregation have shown in this subject encourages me greatly. Again, I want to thank you for your response.

Secondly, in a very different area, it is time to offer another opportunity for what I call a Growing through Grief Group. We will be having four sessions, on each of the four Thursday evenings in October. "Growing through Grief" is designed primarily for people who are currently dealing with losses from the deaths of people close to them. We'll be sharing insights in what to expect in grieving, and how to handle various aspects of grief. However, our purpose is more than informational. We will also seek to be truly supportive to one another in the painful process of enduring losses, so that we can actually grow through them. There is encouragement to be given, and hope to fill us, even in life's wrenching griefs.

If you would like to join us on these four October evenings (7:00 – 8:15 each time), it would be helpful

if you could let me know. As always, this is open to your friends and neighbors as well as members of Faith Community. All are welcome.

Also, one of the delightful things that I have found these days is a substantial amount of interest in a trip to Turkey that we are planning for next April 14-29. Last year, we came up short by two or three persons when it came time to make deposits for airplane tickets, so we needed to postpone the trip until this year. Now we are ready to move ahead with new plans for a trip that should be better than ever.

This journey to Turkey should be outstanding in several respects. We'll be visiting a number of Biblical sites that are associated with St. Paul, and several more that appear in the Book of Revelation. Also, there are a number of other places there that are pivotal in the history of the world and of the church. Especially exciting is the fabulous city of Istanbul. On this trip, we'll experience first-hand why Istanbul sits on one of the most coveted locations in the history of the world, on the Bosphorus that's the boundary between Europe and Asia, and we'll be visiting some of the most famous buildings of all time.

Doug Johnson, a native of Longmont who lived in Turkey for many years, will be one of our leaders. We are very fortunate to have him with us, along with a native Turkish guide. I'm delighted that Pastor Dan and Cindy will be going with us too. On the trip, I'll be providing commentary on the Biblical and historical significance of many of the places we'll be visiting. This is going to be a fantastic journey. I can hardly wait! If you'd like to come with us, please let me know.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bruce Welander

# FCLC Christian Education News

## WOMEN'S CREATIVITY WORKSHOP

*Saturday, October 14, 9am-Noon*

Would you like to spend a morning exercising your creative juices, but don't want to get sweaty?

Would you like to sit down to a nice luncheon, and not have to cut anyone else's food into tiny pieces?

**Well, this is the morning for you!**

- Begin the morning with Bible readings and devotions
- Create a beaded cross (Like the Knutson's cross on FCLC's cross wall.)
- Create your own beaded bracelet. (Check out Andrea Lee's wrist!)
- Enjoy live musical entertainment.
- Savor a light lunch.
- **Register by October 10**, by contacting Nanette via email at [nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org)
- Cost is \$10.



## BEGIN FILLING YOUR SHOEBOX!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** begins on October 15! Become a part of this annual outreach tradition at Faith Community Lutheran.

Fill a shoe box with small toys and personal hygiene items, and return to church by November 12. For more information, pick up a brochure after October 15, on the oasis bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs at church.

### Do you hear a constant clicking noise ever time you take a step?

No need to worry! No need to have your ears checked! You must be one of the 54 FCLC members participating in the 10,000 Step-A-Day Walking Challenge! Check out the bulletin board across from the church office to see which team is moving right along! Really want that foot massage? Drawing for final prizes for all who individually reach 700,000 steps will take place on Sunday, November 19.

## Bonfils Blood Drive on October 29

It may be someone you know—a family member, a friend, or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to 3 people.

Faith Community members' response was so amazing in July, that Bonfils is offering 40 opportunities for members to donate blood on October 29, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact: Mary Konicek via email [MaryLarryKids@aol.com](mailto:MaryLarryKids@aol.com)

**Have your blood pressure checked at the same time! Blood pressure checks will be taking place on October 29, 9-11 am in room 210.**



## Christian Education Dates to Remember

<b>October 8</b>	<b>6:00-7:30 pm</b>	P.O.T.s Bible Study (Change of Date)
<b>October 14</b>	<b>9:00-11:30 am</b>	Women's Creativity Workshop
<b>October 15</b>	<b>6:00-7:30 pm</b>	Great Dates Bible Study
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Christian Education</b>	THEME: Joseph and Christmas
<b>October 29</b>	<b>6:00-7:30 pm</b>	Orientation to FCLC #1
<b>November 5</b>	<b>9:45-10:45 am</b>	Orientation to FCLC #2 (Join at 11 am service, luncheon follows)
<b>November 5</b>	<b>6:00-7:30 pm</b>	P.O.T.s Bible Study

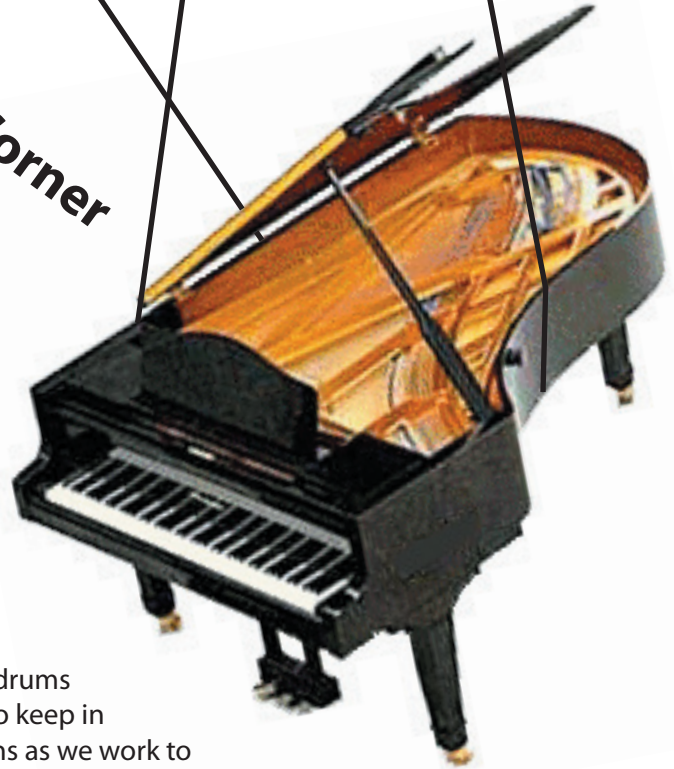




by Diane Sell

## Worship Team Corner

**TO EXTEND OR NOT TO EXTEND....**that is the question! If you come to church over the next couple of weeks and see the Piano or organ suspended from the ceiling, FEAR NOT for you will know that we are looking for a new configuration for our Worship Music platform! We are working to utilize our space better up in front without having to extend the platform. (That would be our last resort.) We need to find room for choirs and larger Worship teams and the band and the organ to all fit in the space without looking like we are standing on top of each other. Late in September, we found out what DOESN'T work as we realized that the drums and the piano cannot be far from each another if we all want to keep in the same time signature! So please be patient with us musicians as we work to find the best situation for everyone.



**"MUSIC IN WORSHIP" SURVEY.** Thanks so much for taking time to fill out this survey. The Worship and Music teams will be reviewing your thoughts and moving forward with suggestions that we can incorporate into future services.

**WORSHIP TEAM CONCERT/SING-A-LONG NIGHT** has been rescheduled for Sunday October 29th beginning at 4pm. A light dinner will follow. If the weather cooperates, we will BBQ in the courtyard area; if it is too chilly, we will gather in the lower Sunrise Room. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex beginning Sunday October 8th. And give a big hug to Wayne Hubert who has agreed to host this BBQ! The sign up is for a "head count" on the BBQ.

Once again, if your travels take you to another church to worship, drop a copy of the bulletin in my box and highlight what you liked in the service.

Blessings,  
Diane Sell  
Worship Team Director

# Outreach News

A **BIG** Thank You to all those who brought in your coats for the FCLC Coat Drive in August/September. We donated over 60 coats to the OUR Center Clothing Bank. These items are much needed especially as the winter months approach.

**The focus for the month** of October is Domestic Violence. The Safe Shelter will be coming to talk at a service in October and will have a display in the Narthex. More information will be posted in the weekly bulletin as it comes available.

FCLC Outreach has collected information about **Lutheran Colleges** and has posted it on a display in the Narthex. We are hoping this will be useful to prospective future college students. If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Mason at [mllmason@mindspring.com](mailto:mllmason@mindspring.com)



FCLC Outreach has partnered with Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans to help provide support from Hurricane Katrina. Grace-NOLA's congregation started meeting in 1897 and its pre-Katrina attendance was ~150 people. Hurricane Katrina hit the church pretty hard with over 7 feet of water flooding the building for 2-3 weeks. With all the donations and the many volunteer hours, the church is in the process of rebuilding and has just recently had its A/C replenished. Through all of this, they continue to hold Sunday morning services but have many challenges ahead of them. More information on the church and its progress can be found at <http://www.gracenola.com>

Are you interested in being a part of a work crew to head down to New Orleans? In an effort to support Grace Lutheran Church, there is much need for people to help setup their computer systems as well as helping with their building renovations. If you're interested in this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt at 303.494.4036 (or [tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net))

- † FCLC is currently supporting missionaries Bill and Faith Foust with Wycliffe Bible Translators.  
**Mark your calendars to learn more about them as they will be visiting the church on November 12.**
- † **FCLC Outreach will be serving lunch at the O.U.R. Center on Saturday, October 7 and Saturday, December 2.**  
If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt at 303.494.4036 or [tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net).
- † Donations for the OUR Center are being collected in the grocery cart in the Narthex.  
**This month's focus is baby products (diapers, formula, etc).** Thank you for your continuous support!



FCLC will be supporting Habitat for Humanity on Wed, Nov 1 by providing a "hearty" lunch for the workers. The menu includes soup, salad, bread, and dessert. We need volunteers to make the food and deliver it to the work site by 11:15am. We also need 3 volunteers to serve the meal. If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Veta Hartman at 303.678.1489 or [hartmanv@comcast.net](mailto:hartmanv@comcast.net)

# All about Administration

From your Director of Business Administration, Susan Moller



## About.....Fall Stewardship

Very soon, you will be receiving a letter in the mail from the Stewardship Committee regarding your 2007 contribution pledge. Please prayerfully consider what God wants you to do in this area. I thank God for Faith Community's many blessings that continue with a congregation that is so generous in contributing time, talents and treasures.

## About.....Simply Giving

One method of giving that you may want to consider is Simply Giving, sponsored by Thrivent Financial. It is an automated giving program that helps you conveniently contribute to FCLC through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift (weekly, semi-monthly or monthly). Your gift is deposited into FCLC's bank account at no cost to you or your congregation. If you have any questions about this program, feel free to give me a call.

## About.....2007 Budget

The council members have submitted their 2007 budget requests. Next, the Stewardship Committee will compile and review these requests. We will be asking for your input at the budget hearing which is scheduled for Sunday, December 10 at 9:15 am. Copies of the budget will be available a couple of weeks before the hearing. Then, the 2007 budget will be voted on at our annual meeting in January.

## About.....Our New Education Wing Project

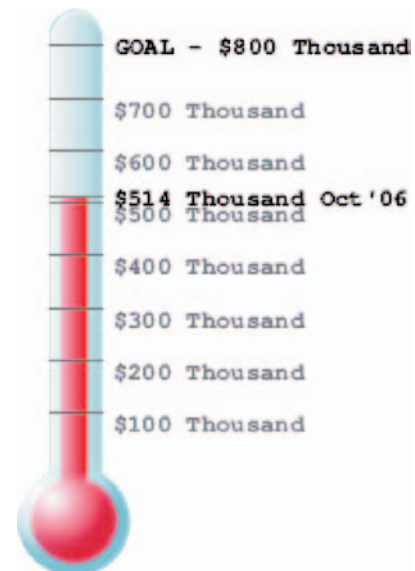
Below are some facts about where we are on paying for our new education wing. Our goal is to have the loan on this project paid off by December 2007. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.



**TOTAL Project Cost is \$800,000**

*Project began January 2005*

**\$514,000 has been paid through Oct 1, 2006**



Blessings,  
Susan  
Church office #: 303-776-8771  
[susan@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:susan@faithcommunitylutheran.org)



from Jeanette Wittmer, FCLC Habitat for Humanity Volunteer:

We will be applying for another Thrivent Builds grant from 2007. Please email me back if you can pledge some of your time to the new house. It will be on Carriage Dr in Quail Ridge subdivision (just south of 119 on 287) here in Longmont. The build should start in Feb 2007 and be completed in July 2007.

Please just send me a reply with your name and how many days (or half-days) you can pledge.

Habitat for Humanity of the St Vrain Valley continues to build more and more homes because of very generous people like you. Thanks again!

**Tom Dunn**

Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley

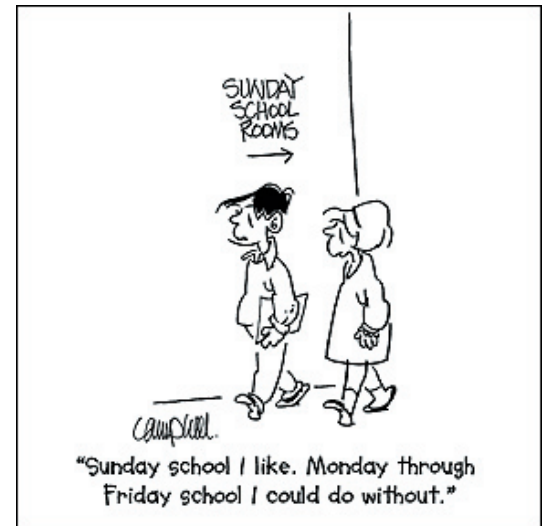
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[www.stvrainhfh2@qwest.net](http://www.stvrainhfh2@qwest.net)

## Finances

FCLC FINANCES As of 9/25/06:

General Offering YTD	\$ 436,259
Budget YTD	\$ 482,281
Expenses YTD	\$ (451,348)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 112,920



## Attendance

Worship and Sunday School Attendance for September:

September	Worship		Sunday School	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
1st Sunday	431	397	No SS	No SS
2nd Sunday	523	518	249	241
3rd Sunday	459	566	228	252
4th Sunday	523	509	219	245



## "Fellowship Happenings" for September

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS WILL BE THERE FOR YOU!!!

Running late for confirmation or WNL and don't know what you're going to eat? Well, relax a little and join your Faith friends for dinner prior to the Wednesday evening activities at church. Two families get together to prepare and serve a meal to the other families 2-3 times throughout the year and the rest of the evenings you're free (**plates, napkins, utensils, cups & lemonade are provided by Fellowship**). Wednesday Night Dinners are served from 5:30-6pm and begin on Sept. 13th.

*If you didn't sign up during Confirmation orientation night (September 6th), then please sign up on the schedule, which is on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar. Choose the calendar dates to prepare and serve dinner for our WNL Faith families.*

Please call Kaydene Hubert (303.651.9479) or Shannon Holstine (303.682.1182) if you have any questions about the **Wednesday Night Dinners**.



## Announcements...

### ADOPT A TREE OR SHRUB

Wow!! God is so good. He has blest Faith Community Lutheran with people who love Him and want to do His work; people who subscribe to first fruits giving; people who share their faith and pray for each other. This is indeed holy ground.

Our landscaping is completed: new trees and shrubs and sod and bark. But we need your monetary help with our landscaping. Any amount is appreciated. The Property Committee has given us a goal of \$7000. You can designate your gift for a certain tree or shrub, or it can be a general donation to landscaping. The donation range is between \$14 for shrubs to \$450 for maple trees. Please write "Landscaping" and any special designation in the memo field on your check.

The drip system is available if anyone wants to donate spring flower bulbs – this is the time to plant them, i.e., iris, daffodils, tulips, crocus.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all of the men and women who worked at church on Saturday, September 24th to spread the wood chips and wash windows in the Education Wing. The breezes were blowing and the air was chilly, but we had enough help to complete the landscaping of our grounds. Pastor Jose and Olivia Lopez and a couple parishioners from Rios de Agua Viva joined FCLC on this project. I love it when a plan comes together!!!



# ReStore Grand Opening!

The ReStore is now in the process of beginning to open. The targeted open date will be October 11th with a Grand Opening Event to follow.

In the meantime we are preparing the store. In order to have it ready we will need donations and volunteers. The following is a list donations needed and skills from volunteers.

## DONATIONS LIST:

\* **Large Appliances** (refrigerator, washer/dryer, range, dishwasher)

- not older than 10 years
- in 100% working order
- no visible rust inside

\* **Small Appliances** (digital microwaves, toasters, blenders, DVD player, stereo, etc)

\* **No computers**

\* **Furniture**

- No stains, tears or significant wear
- No console TV's
- No waterbeds, mattresses/box springs
- No metal desks

\* **Window hardware**

\* **Wall coverings** (wallpaper, framed pictures, framed mirrors)

\* **Lawn & Garden** (tools, furniture, equipment w/o fuel, landscaping materials)

\* **Sporting goods** (fishing, camping, bikes w/o helmets, exercise)

\* **Ranch Supplies** (water tubs, fence posts, tack, panels)

\* **Remodeling and Building materials**

- Cabinets/Countertops
- Doors (solid, hollow, storm)
- Flooring (tiles, hardwood, new carpet, rugs)
- Light fixtures/ Ceiling Fans
- Lumber (like new)
- Unopened paint, stains, oils
- Piping and Plumbing (PVC, metal, copper, polybutylene)
- Bathroom fixtures (tubs, sinks, showers, commodes)
- Roofing (new shingles, gutters, sheeting)
- Siding
- Windows (complete unit, double pane only, storm, screen, shutters)
- Electrical (plugs, wiring, switches)
- Hardware (door handles, locks, screws, nuts, bolts)
- Masonry (bricks, cinder blocks, paving stones)
- Architectural items (columns, antiques, fireplaces, mantels)

\* **Tools** (power, hand)

\* **Heating & Cooling** (duct work, vents, swamp coolers, A/C window units, furnace, heat pumps in 100% working order)

**Donation Hours: Tuesday 9 AM – 1 PM, Wednesday-Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM**

### Volunteers are needed to:

- \* Run cash registers (once we are open),
- \* Unload and receipt of donations,
- \* Drive truck for pickups,
- \* Test & perform minor repairs on donations and
- \* Clean, organize and prepare donated items for display.



Prefer sign up for a 4-hour shift, Tuesday-Saturday from 8:30 AM-6:30 PM. Minimum 14 year-old age requirement. Come join our ReStore team!

Thank you for your time, help and interest in making the ReStore the possible and a success. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact either Tara Nichols (ReStore Manager) or Marion Wilce (Inventory Coordinator) at the below phone number. Also please visit our website and tell your friends and family members about this great new opportunity to help our community.

Tara Nichols,  
ReStore Manager, 455 Weaver Park Road, Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 776-3334, [www.stvrainhfh.org](http://www.stvrainhfh.org)



## October Birthdays!

### October 1

Wanda Gwinn  
Dan Hansen  
Steve Lauerman  
Margi Davis  
Kandace Bourg  
Amanda Held  
Kendra O'Brien  
Jenna Schemmel

### October 2

Rod Bowman  
Jesse Demmel  
Isabella Musser  
Colton Goldfarb

### October 4

Diane Rozek  
Mitzi Fellows  
Meghan Audley  
Kyle Goertz

### October 5

Blair Smallwood  
Sophia Carstens  
Christi Davis

### October 6

Hanorah Anderson  
Alice Turner

### October 7

Duane Sharp  
Daniel Stechman

### October 8

Mary Lou Urena  
Amy Miller  
Bradley Wolfe  
Peter Konicek

### October 9

Laurel Schemmel  
Scott Platt

### October 10

Teresa Stamp  
Mollie Goings  
David Konicek  
Joshua Collins

### October 11

Wayne Hubert  
Rob Boggess

### October 12

Nanette Goings  
Jordan Smith  
JR Baltrum

### October 13

Bill Prout  
Perry Willson  
Brenda Spreier  
Emily Wolfe  
Emily Cousins

### October 14

Jan Baas  
James Walder

### October 15

Janelle Olson  
Sandy Seale  
Alex Olson

### October 17

Cindy Ward  
Renee McDermid  
Kris Baltrum

### October 18

Andrea Johnson  
Sharon Vaughn

### October 19

Ann Dworak  
Dan Griffie

### October 20

Kevin Kovets

### October 21

Carl Backes  
Merrie Harper

### October 22

Hannah Cole

### October 23

Bruce Welander  
Becky Major  
Sherri Platt

### October 24

Susan Moller  
Brett Riemenschneider

### October 25

Mike Cousins  
Sue Ney  
Nevaeh Mooridan

### October 26

Gary Ward  
Dawn Hajdas  
Garrett Ward  
Emily Ward

### October 27

Mandy Wormke  
Anuhea Bowman

### October 30

Neal Carver  
Kari Uecker  
Mallory Mueller

### October 31

Paul Storaci



## October Wedding Anniversaries

### October 3

Jeff & Kim Bonds

### October 4

Jack & Monica Peeples

### October 7

Jan & Julie Baas  
Zach & Shannon Myers

### October 9

Adam & Sarah Gostenik

### October 16

Larry & Karen Odegard

### October 21

Rob & Kris Baltrum

### October 22

Steve & Marcie Mason  
Bradley & Lynn Wolfe

### October 24

James & Kathijo Walder

### October 26

Howard & Ardie Sahl

### October 27

Brad & Gena Steele



## Library Notes

**Fast! Fast! Fast!** Does *everything* at Faith Community Lutheran grow fast? It certainly seems that way if you've been sitting in the sanctuary on Sunday morning or trying to find a shady spot at the early summer service or spent much time shelving books in the library.

Once upon a time... all good stories start that way... a small library was available in the 'old' narthex. When construction of the new sanctuary began, the books took refuge from dust and busy builders in unused space in Roy and Lois Ward's home. An online library catalog program arrived and processing of the library began. When construction was completed (or temporarily paused!), Room 101 became the new library in September 2003. Gifts from members and friends plus purchases of new and colorful literature for children and current Christian fiction and nonfiction for adults kept the library committee cataloging and processing books and media every month. Such additions, including the popular VCR collection previously housed in the SS area, rapidly enriched and expanded the ability of the church library to provide for the needs and interests of the congregation. At the dedication of the new educational facilities in February, visitors could browse through **two** light and lovely rooms (225,227) that now serve FCLC readers.

### How fast! fast! fast! is the library growing?

September 2003	Items in the collection: 816
September 2004	... 1568
September 2005	... 2126 (Video collection added during period)
September 2006	... 2754

### How fast! is the library circulation growing?

Dates:	Library materials circulated:
May 23 – Aug. 31, 2003	164 (summer while library was being organized)
Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2003	144
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2004	626
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2005	910
Jan. 1 – Aug. 31, 2006	799 (8 months circulation, packing and relocation during period)



**1<sup>st</sup> READER OF THE MONTH?** Old Owlhoover chose **Cliff Jensen**, who returned **Luther and His Times: The Reformation From a New Perspective** after reading every one of the 892 pages! And enjoying it thoroughly! Just take your questions about Luther's times to Cliff; he'll tell you about them. Owlhoover was so impressed his eyes opened three times wider!



### LIBRARY NEWCOMERS

**So Help Me God: The Ten Commandments, Judicial Tyranny, and The Battle for Religious Freedom.**

Judge Roy Moore. 2005.

**Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love.** Dava Sobel. 2000. Presents a biography of the scientist through the surviving letters of his illegitimate daughter Maria Celeste, who wrote him from the Florence convent where she lived from the age of thirteen.

**Daughter of Silk. L. L. Chaikin.** Fiction. 2006. 1st of a new series. Romance, adventure, danger. Young Rochelle Dushane-Macquet finds them all in the court of the evil Catherine de Medici.

**Butterflies under Our Hats.** Sandy Sasso. 2006. Picture book. Chelm (Poland) is a town without luck until the day a beautiful red-haired woman with a purple hat shows the residents something even better.

**God Gives You Friends: with Boz the Bear!** Michael Steel. 2006. A board book. Boz the bear and twins Gracie and Drew remember to thank God for a gift that doesn't come in a package.

**Landon Snow and the Auctor's Riddle.** R. K. Mortenson. 2006. Young Landon Snow questions the meaning of life after falling through the pages of the Book of Meanings into a fantasy realm where new friends are discovered and answers are unearthed. 1st of a series. [Auctor means 'creator.']



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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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## ***“What’s on tap?”***

Thoughts poured from the spout of **Kristen Baltrum, Deaconess**

Actually, this isn’t going to be another long winded commentary from the Deaconess. I have turned my newsletter space over to Terry Schemmel, otherwise known as “Captain Mentor.” He is working diligently on connecting the senior high students of FCLC with adults for the purposes of intentional mentoring relationships. I thought this would be a great place for Terry to share a little bit about why he thinks this ministry is important. Here is what he said:

### **“MY PARENTS ARE IDIOTS!”**

At least that’s what I thought when I was in High School. My Dad was embarrassing, he wore goofy clothes, he made comments in public that were quite embarrassing for me at that time. I thought I was humiliated beyond recognition when he attended a dinner hosted by the International Relations Club at my school. (OK, so I was a little bit of a nerd at the time, but hey; all the cool kids were in IRC.)

At that time, there wasn’t a formal mentor program like we have here at FCLC. But I really had a good relationship with my friend, Mr. Johnson, who happened to be my Sunday School teacher. I remember talking to him about stuff after class, and I know that he was praying for me during that time. He didn’t ever take sides between me and my parents, he was level headed about things that came up, and I know that he cared about me.

This sort of help was just what I needed when I was learning about who I was and what I wanted to be. Now that I look back at it, I find that I had many “mentors” in my life, all along the way. But I will always remember the way that I could talk to Mr. Johnson, and especially that I had another adult person that would listen to me that was not a parent.

Now, you too can be enriched with the presence of a caring adult person in your life; that is NOT your parent. We have a mentor program that matches you with an adult. NOT another PARENT, but somebody that is cool. Please contact me, Terry Schemmel, to find out more.

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**CATCH THE WAVE...**

**October's Events**

# Youth and Household Ministry

## Dates to remember:

<b>Mentor Mentee Adventure Race</b>	<b>8th 12:30– 3:30 PM</b>
<b>Sr. High Dinner and Corn Maze</b>	<b>14th 6-11 PM</b>
<b>Sr. High Girl's Coffee Talk (Café Luna)</b>	<b>25th 8:30-10 PM</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 9:45 - 10:45 AM</b>

## Longmont Adventure Race—Heated Competition!!!

Have you gotten a mentor yet? If not, you might want to do that no later than October 5! Why? I am glad you asked!

We will start the day with a special blessing for all Mentor/Mentee pairs at the 11:00 Worship service. Then, after worship, we will participate in the first annual Mentor/Mentee Longmont Adventure Race. What is this? Again, another GREAT question that I am glad you asked! You and your

mentor will have a series of challenges to accomplish all around Longmont. You will drive together and participate as a team in the activities. The first team back to the church building with all tasks completed will be awarded a prize.

You won't want to miss this seriously great time!!! The competition might be hot, but it is all in great fun and friendship. The time you

work with your mentor to accomplish the tasks will be a great time to get to know each other and create memories for a lifetime.



## Whatever, Wherever, Whenever, Forever

This year's Rocky Mountain Synod Senior High Youth Gathering, will offer young people an immersion into the *emerging church*. The speaker is Nate Frombach, Professor of Youth, Culture, and Mission at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Dr. Frombach will passionately lead us into exploring ways that young people in the church can interact faithfully with our postmodern culture. The Rev. Karen Ward, abbess of the Church of the Apostles, an emerging church in the Fremont District in Seattle, will work with him to engage us in exploring this new movement. Together they will lead us in worship and create a space unlike any you have encountered before at a youth gathering!

## SR. HIGH CORN MAZE ADVENTURE

Fall is upon us and there is nothing more fun than figuring your way out of a maze in the dark! Join FCLC Sr. High on Oct. 14 from 6-11 PM for pizza dinner and then we will head out to the mazes.

Sign up by Oct 13 with Kris or Dale Nehls or on the bulletin board by the church office.

Bring \$XXX and your friends!

**Sr. High Girls. Coffee. Talk. Café Luna at 8th and Coffman.**

**Wednesday the 25th. 8:30-10PM. Be there.**



## FCLC Teens Aren't Hungry—but they know others are

Youth of FCLC will join the National ELCA LYO in the fight against WORLD HUNGER by collecting \$2500 of their own money by June '07. At the 2006 LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) Convention, the

youth of the ELCA decided that if each congregation's Youth Group kids gave up a Starbucks a week, or a CD a month, or maybe that new T-shirt, each congregation in the ELCA could raise \$2500 to give toward World Hunger and make a serious

impact on hunger around the world. Our Sunday School class will be collecting weekly donations from our own pockets to participate in this effort.

Don't forget to bring your money on Sunday!!!



## Mission Verse

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## Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.*



## Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:**

- \* Bible-centered
- \* Prayer-centered
- \* Worship-centered with blended  
styles of music
- \* Kid-Friendly
- \* Visitor-Friendly
- \* A Model of the Priesthood  
of Believers
- \* A Model of "First Fruits Giving"  
(to various outreach projects)

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